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Larry Scusa
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Re: Libby Asbestos Superfund Site
OU6 – BNSF Negotiations

Dear Larry,

Thank you for the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) interest in participating in negotiations with the Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) Company for Operable Unit 6 of the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site. During a milestone meeting last year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and MDEQ agreed to have a number of activity-based samples (ABS) collected by BNSF re-analyzed to help identify a path forward for our negotiations. The EPA has retrieved those samples from BNSF pursuant to a 104(e) information request letter. Re-analysis of the samples is underway with results expected by mid-July 2013. We will provide the analytical results to MDEQ as soon as they are available and look forward to working with you as we consider next steps.

Please feel free to contact me at 303-312-6552 if you would like to discuss this project further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rebecca J. Thomas", is positioned above the typed name.

Rebecca J. Thomas
Libby Asbestos Site Team Lead

cc: Dania Zinner, USEPA Region 8 (8EPR-SR)
Lorraine Ross, USEPA Region 8
Stan Christensen, USEPA Region 8